

THE CHAMPION

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All persons who paid their poll
taxes later than April 13 will be
asked to present their receipts
when going to the polls to vote.

The knowledge that a prominent
citizen of Punta Gorda holds a
large block of News stock, may
account for some things hitherto
mysteries.

Have we any more candidates
for the legislature who will pledge
themselves for temperance legis-
lation? Judge Cochran has been
so far as we know, the only one
who has made clear his position on
this important question. The W.
C. T. U. is waiting to hear.

The friends of Judge J. B. Coch-
ran who could not find his name
in the published list of those State
candidates who qualified before the
16th of April are assured that his
application went in at the same
time that those of Jordan and
Hooker did and it must therefore
be by an error of the printer that
his name was left out, as he has no
intention of dropping out of the
race.

Jefferson B. Browne, who has
acceptably filled the office of Rail-
road Commissioner for nearly four
years, declines to become a candi-
date for re-election, although
urged by many friends and the
democratic executive committee of
his own county to again become a
candidate. He gives as his reasons
for this decision a pecuniary loss
in his law practice and the opinion
that he should follow the sound
democratic doctrine of rotation in
office.

Our Division friends say that
court costs would not be increased
by dividing the county. Let us
see. In event of division there
would be six terms of court yearly
instead of two, and for each court
a full set of jurors. The sheriff's
fees for each county would be the
same as they are now in DeSoto
for summoning and making re-
turns would be the same for each
juror that it is now. While the
mileage would be decreased in
some individual cases, the aggre-
gate would be greatly increased on
the whole for the three counties in-
stead of one. Instead of paying
for the opening day, before the
court gets down to business, is it
cheaper to pay for one day or
three days? Who is selfish, those
who insist on dividing the county
or those who urge the fullest in-
vestigation?

If DeSoto county politicians
succeed in electing a division
candidate to the legislature they
will by no means be sure of getting
the legislature to consent to the
proposed division. Why? Be-
cause each county is entitled to a
representative and the more densely
populated counties are given two
representatives. Now these new
counties cannot have a representa-
tive except by taking one away
from the counties that now have
two, as according to our present
state constitution we now have the
full quota allowed—or 68 members.
Is it likely that these populous
counties will consent to a reduced
representation that little counties

with less than a thousand voters
may be allowed representation?
It does not look reasonable, in
view of the fact that twenty-two
counties have two representatives
each, making forty-four leaving
only twenty-four out of the sixty-
eight representatives who might be
calculated to vote for or at least
not actively oppose the making of
any more counties. Would not
these same legislators if it came to
a vote that would reduce their
own representation think that
DeSoto was not entitled by any
favor to more than one more
county. And if they gave us one
more, would not Punta Gorda with
a representative from that section
be the logical county seat of one
and Arcadia the other? It looks
that way to us, and we are not
prejudiced.

"The tax payers would gladly
go back to the hardship of 1887
when they had only to pay a
fraction over one-half what they
are paying today."—Wauchula
Advocate.

Would they? Wauchula would
have three to five months term of
school if put back there. That
was one of the hardships of 1887.
Does the editor mean what he says?

Nat. M. Sauls, of Arcadia, is
out canvassing against county
division and is developing consider-
able executive ability in that line.
We know of no man who is more
capable or so well informed as he
on the question that is now such a
live issue in the county. For
several terms he filled the office of
tax collector and is thoroughly
posted as to our financial status
and the effect of division, so far as
the tax payer is concerned.

Lee M. Hammel, one of Wau-
chula's brightest and best citizens
is a candidate for county judge of
DeSoto county and his announce-
ment will be found in its proper
place in this issue. We have
known Mr. Hammel well for
several years and can truly say
that we think he would make an
excellent judge. As he is a lawyer
by profession his equipment for
the duties of the office goes with-
out saying.

W. L. Scott, one of DeSoto's
best citizens this week announces
his candidacy for member of the
school board from this district.
Mr. Scott is a gentleman of whom
only good can be said, and al-
though he has never held office in
DeSoto county he is in every way
well fitted to serve us in the
capacity to which his friends have
urged him. For we understand
that it was his friends who brought
him out. Mr. Scott lives on
Joshua Creek but is intimately
associated in business with several
enterprises of Arcadia, and always
with credit to the firm.

South Florida has been blessed
with seasonable rains.

Hanson-Spire.

At the home of her grandparents, Mr.
and Mrs. W. E. Thompson near Ft.
Ogden, on Wednesday, April 18, Miss
Bertie Hanson was married to Dr. B.
Spire, president of the sanitarium,
Battle Creek, Michigan, where the new-
ly wed will make their future home.
They left at once for the north, DeSoto's
fair daughters seem to be at a premium
among the prominent educators and
business men of other sections and states
and we are glad that it is so. May joy
and prosperity attend Mr. and Mrs.
Spire, Miss Bertie's friends will all say.

A jolly crowd of about a dozen young
people of Arcadia surprised Miss Statia
Tomlin at the home of Colonel Watkins,
at Nocatee, on Wednesday night of last
week. Miss Tomlin, who has been
spending the winter in Florida left the
next day for her home in Georgia.

CLOTHES

Don't make a candidate, but he would be a
loser without them
He will lose who fails to wear Royal Raiment
"Pay Less and Dress Better"

Perry C. Brown.
Arcadia, Florida.

Political Announcements

Those Who are Running for Office
And the Office They are Asking for

For County Judge.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for
county judge, subject to the action of the Demo-
cratic Primaries, and solicit the support of the
voters of the county. Respectfully,
R. E. BROWN.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the
office of county judge and solicit the support of
the voters at the coming primaries. If elected I
promise to execute the duties of the office with
impartiality and justice. JAMES PHELON.

I take this method to respectfully announce
myself a candidate for the office of county judge,
subject to the action of the democratic primaries.
LEE M. HAMMEL.

For County Treasurer.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for
County Treasurer, subject to the Democratic
Primary of May 15th. I promise you if
elected, to discharge the duties of the office to the
best of my ability. Soliciting the votes of one
and all and thanking you in advance for same.
I remain, Yours Very Truly,
JAMES A. HENDRY.

For Sheriff.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for
re-election as Sheriff of DeSoto county, subject to
the democratic primaries, to fill the office for the
next ensuing two years. I was elected for four
years, but through some mistake, my bond to
qualify for my regular term of four years did not
reach me in time to file same in the legal time
required by law. I would appreciate the support
of all the voters of our county. Will say that I
have done my best since I have been in office to
put down crime of all kinds in this county, and
if re-elected will continue on the same line.
A. C. FREEMAN.

For Representative.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
At the request of numerous friends in various
parts of the county, I hereby announce myself a
candidate for Representative in the Legislature,
subject to the action of the democratic primaries
of May 15th and June 12th.
As I have neither the time nor the means to
make a thorough personal canvass of the county,
I deem it proper to state here that if elected I
shall be my earnest endeavor to work for the best
interest of the county and the masses of the peo-
ple among whom I have lived for nearly 26 years,
and upon whose welfare and prosperity my own
depends.
I am opposed to the repeal of the Buckman
Educational Bill, and am in favor of the State
appropriation for the Tampa State Fair, which
will probably be asked at the next session of the
Legislature.
I am not controlled by any individual, faction
or corporation and shall advocate what I believe
to be right regardless of whether it makes or
loses votes for me.
I will take pleasure in answering any questions
in regard to my opinion of public issues, either
personally or through the press. Respectfully,
H. C. SPARKMAN.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Repre-
sentative of DeSoto county, subject to the
action of the Democratic Primary.
I am opposed to the repeal of the Buckman bill,
and also further contributions by the State to the
Tampa Fair Association.
If elected, will serve the people honestly and to
the best of my ability. J. B. COCHRAN.

Having been nominated by my fellow citizens
of Wauchula and Punta Gorda as a candidate in
the Primaries for Representative in the Legisla-
ture on a platform declaring for a fair and just
division of DeSoto county, this card is to an-
nounce that fact and to solicit votes on that plat-
form, and to pledge myself, if nominated and
elected, to use my best efforts to secure a division
that will prove satisfactory and beneficial as far
as possible to all the people of the proposed three
counties.
A. P. JORDAN.

At the request of my many friends, I have con-
sented to enter the race for representative of
DeSoto county in the next Florida Legislature
and take this opportunity of soliciting the votes
of the citizens of the county in the approaching
Democratic primary election.
As I will not have the opportunity of seeing
and talking with each individual personally, I
deem it proper that I should define my position
on some of the more important issues of the
campaign.

I am opposed to a division of DeSoto county,
for the reason that I am opposed to a high tax-
ation. I consider it more economical to maintain
the present county government than to establish
and maintain two additional ones also with
the same source of revenue.
I shall favor the repeal of the Drainage Act
passed by the Legislature of 1905 as an arbitrary,
unfair and unjust measure which if enforced
will become a burden of taxation upon the people
of the state.

We are still selling

Economist Stoves
The best on Earth

Barbed Wire
\$2.65 per 1/4 mile roll

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY
The Arcadia Hardware Co.

Member School Board.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
By request of many friends, I hereby an-
nounce myself a candidate for member of the
Board for District No. 2, subject to the
action of the Democratic Primary, and request
and regulations of the Democratic primary,
held May 15th. I promise, if elected, to
schools with the respect that they are entitled
and also endeavor to honor the position to
I aspire. Very respectfully yours,
F. B. MCCLARY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for
member of the School Board from District No. 1,
subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, and
request the support of the voters of said dis-
trict. If elected I shall use my best endeavors to
up the school interests of the entire county.
Wm. L. SCOTT.

Candidates Withdraw.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO
COUNTY:
The demands of my profes-
sion business being such as to pre-
vent me from giving a canvass of
county the time and attention
the conditions suggest and
duty to you would require, I
concluded to withdraw from
race for representative, and
this method of notifying
thereof.

In doing this I am mindful
of the loyal support of my friends
throughout the county, and I
remember you gratefully and
ways deem it an honor
privilege to serve you.
Most respectfully,
JOHN W. BURTON.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO
COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Owing to business reasons
anticipated when I made my
announcement, and not being able
to leave my work in order to
run an active campaign, I think
for me to withdraw from the
race for county treasurer.

Thanking my friends for
strong support rendered me,
Very respectfully,
W. M. PLATT.

I am in favor of the Educational Law known
as the "Buckman Bill" and will oppose any effort
to interfere with the location of the State
University at Gainesville.
Having been born and reared within the
boundaries of DeSoto county, all my interest
being here, if I am honored with the nomination
and election I shall be found working for the
measures which I believe to be for the best
interest of the state as a whole and DeSoto
county in particular.

With honesty of purpose "equal rights to all
and special privileges to none" I solicit the
votes of my friends and the people of the
county regardless of section or community.
Very respectfully,
W. H. HOOKER.

For Tax Assessor.

For, and in consideration of the sum of five (5)
dollars, receipt of which is hereby duly ac-
knowledged, we are empowered and authorized
to announce the candidacy of F. M. Cooper for
re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of DeSoto
county, Florida, subject to the action of the
democratic primaries.

County Commissioner Dist. No. 2.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for
county commissioner from District No. 2, subject
to the action of the Democratic Primaries, and
solicit the votes of all my friends and fellow
democrats in the approaching primary election.
W. S. WORLEY.

For Tax Collector.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
I am a candidate for tax collector of your county
subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries
WILL C. LANGFORD.

For County Commissioner Dist. No. 4.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for
county commissioner for district No. 4, subject
to the action of the Democratic Primaries. I
promise, if elected, to perform the duties of the
office in a strictly impartial manner and for the
good of the whole people as I see it.
D. S. WILLIAMS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for
commissioner in district No. 4, promising, if
elected, to do my duty conscientiously and to the
best of my ability. S. S. AVANT.

I announce myself as a candidate for County
Commissioner for district No. 4, subject to the
Democratic Primary of May 15th.
C. S. RUSHNELL.

I take this method of announcing in the voters
of DeSoto county that I am a candidate for the
office of county commissioner for district No. 4
subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries
R. E. SMITHLEY.

I have decided after consulting with my friends
and fellow citizens to announce myself a candi-
date for County Commissioner for District No. 4,
subject to the Democratic nomination. I promise
if elected to this office, to discharge the duties of
the same to the best of my ability. Soliciting the
support of my fellow citizens, I remain,
Yours to push and serve,
JOHN L. LIVINGSTON.